NO FREE WOOL BILL Springer's Pet Measure Will

Meet With Opposition. CHICAGO'S NEW POSTOFFICE

Will Await Action After the Fair Appro priation is Disposed of--Crisp's Illness--A Curious Contest

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 .- It is admitted by the postal officials everywhere that it will be impracticable to handle the mail matter which shall come to Chicago during the fair with the present facilities, which are entirely unequal to the present volume of business. There is quite another side to the story about the Chicago postoffice building. That is that the democratic congressmen from Chicago had determined to run everything their own way and that they had not invited Congressman Taylor into their conference. That their program was to postpone the effort to secure a public building I ill at present until after the fate of the attempt to secure a large appropriation for the World's Fair should be deter-mined. It will, of course, be unfortu-nate for Chicago if the democratic congressmen, assuming that they are to have everything their own way because there is a democratic majority in the house, shall so conduct things that Chicago will lose. Certainly it was very evident that toward the close of the last congress Chiesgo could have se-cured a public building bill but for the interference of a democratic congressman from Chicago, and now it appears that the democratic congress do not approve of the fact that a republican member from Chicago should have in-troduced a bill to furnish that city with edequate facilities.

The Bules Will Be Delayed. Speaker Crisp is not quite so well. The weather has been unfavorable for bun. He suffers greatly from the bronchisi cough which accompanies the grip. There is no probability that he will be able to resume his duties for two weeks and until that time it is clear that the house will not be able to fully enter upon its duties as it will be with cut rules. It is not probable that any effort will be made to frame a code of rules so long as the speaker, who is charman of the committee on rules, is not able to be present. Informal business may be done and the committees can enter upon the work now that bills nave been referred to them, but no measure can be reported to the house and taken up for consideration except by general consent, for the dem-ocrats will hardly venture at the beginning of the congress to dispose of measures under general parliamentary

At the curious contest of republicans here to elect delegates to the republi-can national convention the Blaine men claim to have the majority, but Harrison delegates will make a contest. The fact has not excaped the observation of politicians that at the national capital a very lively and bitsharp division between Blaine and Harrisen delegates. Secretary Blaine has not given any intimetion that he does not care to have delegates chosen to represent him. Congressmen quite generally have conceded that this is e indication that Mr. Blaine is a can-

Opposition to Springer, Chairman Springer is not to have everything his own way with a free wool bill, and he has already discovered that he can not lead the democratic party without some vigorous opposition. Mr. Sayers of Texas, is one of the lead-ing democrats of the south. He remarked today, with indignation, that Mr. Springer will not be able to get his bill pro v ding for free wool through the house unless he should offer something to the farmers in return in the way of cheaper woolen goods. Mr. Sayers says that he represents a state which is in the union, and that he does not think that his people will object to free wood provided they shall be given free voolen goods, but when the question is put of taking off the duty on the farmer's products and retaining it on that of tariff reform, he says, that his peo-ple prefer. It is very evident that the ways and means committee will be compelled to call a caucus before the democratic parts can determine what its tariff policy shall be.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

One Man Killed Outright and Several Others Injured.

Pirrancao, Jan. 7 .- Six boilers in two batteries at the Braddock Wire works, Rankin station, exploded at 9:30, instantly killing Peter Zimmerman, engineer, seriously injuring James Carpenter, fireman, and slightly hurting a dozen other employes. The works were partially wrecked. Cause un-

FIGHT WITH OUTLAWS.

A Posse Discovers a Band of Thom in Camp and Nine in Battle.

BRALON, Kan., Jan. 7 .- In a running fight with outlaws this evening it is known that four men were killed. A courier just arrived with news of the engagement. The desperadors numbered fifteen men and were discovered by a posse encamped in a guich south

ATTACKED THE TEACHER.

Kansas School Boys Make a Deadly Assault Upon Him.

Topexa. Kas., Jan. 7 .-- Wm. F. Heart, teacher in the public school at this place, was attacked by three boys whom he had told to remain after school-hours this afternoon. He will One boy struck him over the eye with a poker and another stabbed him twice in the neck with a pocket-knife.

SOLD INTO SLAVERY.

Young Girls Brought from Japan for Immoral Purposes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7 .- The investence of siavery among the Japanese in the republican candidate for mayor of Victoria, have been followed with simimtions which have shown the existtiar results in this city. Tuesday the by a reform taket.

first decisive step was taken to stop the importation of Japanese women for im-mor al purposes. The United States aushorities learned that a man named authorities learned that a man named Ithaki had gone to Yokohama about seven mosths ago and purchased three Japanuse women of their parents for \$90 each. He brought them to this country, saying that one was his wife and the other two were his sisters. His "wife" he left in San Francisco and his sisters he brought to this city. All three were forced to live as fallen women and give nearly all their earnings to their owner, who merely allowed them enough for food and clothing. About two weeks ago the clothing. About two weeks ago the girl from San Francisco was brought here and placed in a house near the

the women and partly from the owner, and yesterday, when the chain of evidence was completed, Ithaki was ar-rested. The Japanese consul has re-quested the aid of the ministerial lega-tion here in breaking up this system of slavery. The christianized Japanese in this city say that all their countrymen who come to the United States as laborers are held in subjection by a powerful secret society which, playing on their superstitions, compels them to pay tributes. About 150 Japanese women in Scattle have been sold outright by their parents and brought over here by their purchasers.

RUMORS ABOUT CRISP.

A Report That He is Dangerously Ill Creates Excitement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- It was reported late this afternoon, on good authority, that Speaker Crisp had been attacked by bilious pneumonia. He is said to be so weak that when his wife raised him in bed to sign a document his feeble fingers were unable to hold the pen and it fell on the coverlet. She was then compelled to put the pen in his hand and hold it there herself while he made an almost illegible signature. The doctor was called and said ne feared that bilious pneumonia had set

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- Speaker Crisp's son stated this evening that his father ate a good breaktast today, after which he sat up and read the newspapers for the first time since December 23.

LYING IN A TRANCE.

Narrow Escape of a Pennsylvania Woman From Being Buried Alive.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7 .- Mrs. Levi Yost of Ottsville, Butler county, to all appearances died on Sunday from pneumonia. The body was prepared for burial and her relatives from a distance were sent for. On Monday the corpse showed signs of life. The physician in attendance at the time of her death was called in and made a very careful examination, and found that instead of being dead she was lying in a trance. The woman has been re-moved from her coffin and her bedaide is surrounded by relatives.

YOUNG MILLER SENTENCED.

He Gets Two Years in San Quentin for Robbery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7 .- Harry, son of Joaquin Miller, the poet, was sentenced today to two years in San Quentin for stage robbery. He pleaded guilty, and the judge made the sen-tence as light as possible because of his youth and the extenuating circumstances. After serving the term in San Quentin, Miller will spend one year in the Oregon penitentiary from which be escaped just before the robbery.

RAZED TO THE GROUND.

Destructive Work of the Cyclone in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 1 .- News has just reached nere of a terrible cyclone that passed over Randolph county near Roanoke last evening. Fourteen residences were blown over and three perone of the largest wool producing states | sons so far as heard from were killed. At Milltown, Chambers county, the Baptist church college, sever stores, and fifteen residences were raised to the ground. Professor Gibson was fatally injured and a number of others severely injured.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS. A County Treasurer's Stealings Discov-

ered After He Resigns.

HASTINGS, Neb. Jan. 7 .- C. H. Paul, county treasurer, resigned today and it was then discovered that he was short in his accounts over \$22,000. His bondsmen paid the defictency in full, announcing that there was yet a large deficit from two years ago. Paul's property has been senzed by his bondsmen, and he may escape prosecution. He is a Sunday-school superintendent.

REVOLUTION IN GAUTEMALA.

No Advices Received From There Since January L.

Crry or Maxico, Jan. 7 .- There are well-founded rumors here of a revolution in Gautemala. No despatches have been received here from any part of the country since January 1, the date of the presidential elections. The governor of Chirpas, a border state, has wired to Tapachula asking information.

Robbed Their Employers.

St. Louis, Jan. 7 .- The police have arrested two young men named W. K. Mitcherson and W. J. Kors. They are believed to be members of a gang of cierks who have systematically robbed clerks who have systematically robbed leading dry goods and men's furnishing houses in this city of goods amounting to thousands of dollars. A third member of the gang named A. D. Sang is missing from the city and is believed to be in Chicago. The men were clerks in dry goods houses here for many years and had borne good reputations.

Boodle Sensation at Denver.

Descrip, Jan. 7 .- Ex-City Clerk William H. Milburn, who was indicted yesterday for conspiracy and embezziement while in office, will not be ar-ment while in office, will not be ar-rested, as he is not the principal of-fender and is only wanted as a wilness against other alleged offenders. His testimony is thought by the prosecu-tion to be important as implicating other officials in what are known as the

FAST IN A BOILER

Remarkable Experience of a Cincinnati Engineer

WHO WAS CAUGHT IN A TRAP

Awful Mental and Physical Suffering of the Unfortunate Man While in a Cramped and Fixed Position.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 7 .- Last Sunday morning Engineer E. W. Risley of No. 460 West Eighth street crawled into a

boiler. Last Sunday night he crawled out. It was a bright, active man that entered the grim mouth of the big iron

eylinder.

It was a feeble, broken, nerveless creature that emerged to light again after an experience such as turns men's hair gray in an hour and shatters their constitutions for life. That Mr. Risley. is alive today is due both to his presence of mind and the endurance of his sinewy frame. Duath-a horrible humiliating death-had stared him in the face for hours that seemed like interminable days to him.

Mr. Risley is employed as engineer in the factory of Nathan Drucker & Co., trunk and valise manufacturers at Ninth and Broadway. Last Sunday the establishment was solitary and Mr. Risley took advantage of the oppor-tunity to clean out the big boiler in the basement looking toward the canal. He went alone, having always attended to the machinery without assistance. He usually took a candle into the boiler, but could find none on this morning, and he lit a lamp, which he placed in such a position that its bright rays flickered down through the gloomy flues under which he was to pass. Opening the man-hole in the end, Mr. Risley, whose daily labor gives him no opportunity to accumulate superfluous sh, had soon wormed his way to the furthest end of the coffin-like passage into which he ventured.

Caught Fast Under the Fines.

Water was standing several inches deep in the bottom of the boiler, hav-ing dripped down from above, and the engineer was chilled to the bone. But he cer of little for that, expecting to remain but a few minutes. He finished his work and started to return. It ocurred to him that he might avoid the sought egress head first. Narrow as the passage was he had accomplished this feat more than once before, and he anticipated no difficulty in repeat-ing it. Slowly he turned, closing his limbs together like the blades of a knife and bringing his knees against his chin. He succeeded in turning half way round when he found that

he could go no further.

Mr. Risely made vigorous efforts to complete the turn, but in vain. Then he concluded to resume his original position and back out, but to his horror he found that he could not move. He had became fixed in the strained position he occupied, and his attempt to move only made matters worse. For a quarter of an hour the engineer worked to free himself, while the perspiration poured from him, in spite of the chill the water had produced. Then the awful reality of his predicament dawned upon him for the first time and almost drove his senses away. was fastened, without hope of freedom, in a space hardly large enough for his

Unable to Move a Muscle,

The pitiless iron bore down on his head above and seemed to be acquiring the weight of a thousand hundredweight. The faint gleam of the lamp above illuminated the darkness of the engine-room and the blacker might of the boiler's interior. His position forced the blood to his bent head. Mr. Risley did not know how long he could stand the strain. Before the morning however, when the factory would re-sume its life, he would be unconscious and the manhole would be shut, the fires lighted and he would awake, if he awoke at all, to be roasted alive before it would be possible to extricate

Filled with the horror of his position, the engineer shouted for help, but his voice was smothered in the depths of his prison. He found, too, that he could not exercise his vocal powers with effect, as his chest was pressed against his knees so tightly that he could hardly breathe, Mr. Risley collected his senses and resolved to husband his strength and, above all, to keep cool. He knew that to remain where he was until the next day, cramped in the icy water, would be fatal; and he went to work carefully to extricate himself.

Released Himself at Last,

No words could describe the sufferngs of Mr. Risley during that Sabbath. Noon came, and he thought it must already be night. Then the long, long afternoon. The lamp paled, and with a final splutter went out altogether. The captive felt himself growing weaker. His body was half frozen as it lay in the water. He had spent the long hours in desperate attenute a long hours in desperate attempts at freedom, alternated by long periods of despairing rest. Thoughts of his wife and three children came to his frenzied brain. The flues seemed pressing slowly upon him on all sides, like the famous "iron bride" of the days of tor-

And after nightfall, by some happy chance, the engineer unlocked his cramped limbs. How he did it he does not know. Half crazed by his terrible experience he struggled- madly for escape, and at last successfully. Reaching the air outside he sank to the ground exhausted for an hour before he was able to go home.

Mr. Risley, though brussed and sore and using his limbs with difficulty, was found sitting in a chair at his home ant night.

The engineer is modest and hesitated to relate his terrible adventure. He stated that the worst effects of it are felt in the chest. He breathes laborand cannot take a His muscles are greatly stiffened, the result of his day's bath in cold water.

MURDERER CAUGHT

John H. Steadman, Wanted in Boston, is Caught in New York.

New York, Jan. 7 .- John H. Steadman, a well-known Boston snorting man and gambler, has been arrested in this city by Detective Sergeants Mc-Manus and Long at the request of Chief of Police Watte of Boston, Stra !-

can is charged with having killed Ex-Address Joseph H. Gallagher on the light of December 19, in Campbell's aloon on one of the principal thoroughtares of Boston. A year ago Gallagher and Steadman quarrelled over a game of cards and their differences were not settled up to the day of

the murder, although mutual friends sought to bring about a reconciliation. A week before Christia a Steadman cutered Campbell's saloon and saw Er-Atdorman Gallagher asicep in a chair in the bar-room. He stole up behind be sleeping man, drew a long knife, and plunged it into Gallagher's neck,

inflicting an awful gash. Then Steadman turned and fied. Gallagher died on New Year's evebief Watts notified Inspector Byrnes on the day after the crime that Steadto kill. Later the charge was change to murder, and then steps were taken by the central office detectives to cap-ture Steadman, who was said to have come here in company with a beautiful woman. When captured yesterday Steadman was alone.

He had two values with him and admitted that he was on his way to Jer-sey City to take the Coast line to Fior-da. In his pocket was found a "thim-blerig." It is said that Steadman was the professional trainer of Ike Weir, "the Spider," who fought Johnste Murphy, the feather-weight pugilist, a

DOUBLE MURDER IN GEORGIA. An Old Couple Killed Without a Motive by an Unknown Assassin.

ATLANTA, Ga. Jan. 7 .- Creswell, a little village thirty-six miles below here on the Atlanta & Florida railroad, was the scene of a double murder night before last. Dr. R. G. Barrett and Mrs. Barrett were brained in their room. They were found weltering in their blood by their grandson, Will Nunally, a young man who lived with them. The dered, a coupling pin, was lying near them. Thus far there is no clue to the murderer and the tragedy is wrapper

Dr. Barrett was a regular physician and was possessed of considerable prop-erty. Everybody who knew him liked him. He was 65 years old, but in spite of his age he was hale and hearty and

had a good practice. Young Nunally was out last evening until about 9 o'clock. When he returned he noticed a light in the room of his grandparents, but paid no attention to it, as they were often up at that hour. He went to his room and prepared to go to bed. While undressing ne heard groans in the room of Dr. and Mrs. Barred. He went to their door and knocked, but received no response Again he knocked and then turned the knob. The lamp was burning brightly and a horrible sight met his eyes. Down by the side of the bed was his grandfather lying in a pool of blood and bleeding from terrible gashes on his head. His face was beaten all out of shape. He still breathed, but each

breath was a groan.
In a corner was Mrs. Barrett, dead. The fron coupling pin had done its work thoroughly and she could hardly be recognized. Her head, face and body were torn and lacerated, and blood and brains purpled the floor and walls around. When the murdered pair's borrified grandson gave the slarm it was 10 o'clock, but the people of the little town turned out at once to look for the murderer. By the side of the dead woman was found the coupling pin covered with blood, but who handled it is still a problem, which the sheriff of Spalding county and the peo-ple who knew and loved the old couple are doing their best to solve. The motive for the murder could not have been robbery, for nothing has been

ONE GHOST LAID.

Minnie Parrott Discovered to Be Respon

sible for the Bridgeport Rapping. BRIDGEFORY, Conn., Jan. 7 .- The ghost which has been terrorizing the members of the family of H. H. Jennings for a month has been discovered. and it proves to Miss Minnie Parrott, who boards with the family and who is the only one who had ever seen the mysterious visitor. The rapping was first noticed more than a month ago. Three sharp wraps were heard upon the l'arrott girl's bed-room door, and her screams of alarm brought the family to the room to find her in a dead faint. When the recovered she said was awakened by the rapping and saw a white form in her room. she screamed and famted. The family beard the rappings nearly every night, but no one but the girl ever saw the apparition. Neighbors who volunteered lay the visitant low were also frightened at the mysterious noises.

Detective Cronin was called in by Mr. Jennings. He watched Miss Parrott two days, and soon came to the conclusion that he had found the ghost. On New Year's Day she went into the room to change her dress. Cronin was concealed near by. In a few minutes three raps were heard, and a second later the girl waiked out from another room. The detective reached the haunted room unobserved and rapped sharply on the door three times and slipped quietly into the next room as the girl had done. Then he walked out to where the family was gathered Miss Parrott was greatly agiwinked at her and said nothing. Th next day he had a long talk with Miss Parrott. Then he called in Mr. and irs. Jenkins and the girl made a confeerion. She had been Ill for a mouth, and had taken large onantities of morphine. She said that when under the influence of the drug she felt impelled to rap, and at first did it as a joke. When she saw how seriously it was taken and the crowds it drew to the house she continued the rapping be-

Banker Gage Improving.

New York, Jan. 7 .- The physicians n attendance upon Banker Gage have not yet set a day for his return to Chieago and will not do so until the weather improves. Under the most favorable circumstances it will be two or three works. Mr Gage's progress toward complete recovery is estisfactory to the physicians and his friends, and he will soon be permitted to transact such business as needs his personal attention.

Arrest of Judgment.

DESVEE, Jan. 7 .- The attorneys for Graves made a metion for arrest of judgment and new trial today. The metions will be argued Saturday. Mrs. Graves is improving slowly.

BIG DEAL IN DIRT

The Michigan Central Buys a , Valuable Strip.

PAYING OVER \$100,000 FOR IT

The C. & W. M. Company Disposes of

Its Valuable Freight Property. Railroad News.

One of the largest deals in the his tory of Grand Rapids real estate transactions was consummated about a month ago; but the details were not made public until yesterday. For several years the Chicago and West Michigan and the Michigan Central railroad companies have owned jointly the side track facilities fronting on Ionia street, and extending from Cherry street to Prescott street. When the D., L. & N. entered the city, that road being practically owned by the C. & W. M., both roads bought considerable property on the west side of the tracks along Alma street. The D., L. & N. erected a freight house there; but the West Michigan continued to use the cast side tracks with the Michigan Central. The room was somewhat limited

and both companies were hampered in doing their work. Finally the matter ended in the Central's purchasing the property from the West Michigan. The price paid was in excess of \$100, 000. The Central will probably build new freight sheds on the property. The West Michigan will transact ail their freight business on the west side of the tracks hereafter.

The gross earnings of the G. R. & I. The gross earnings of the G. R. & I. road for the month of December were \$254,390, an increase of \$20,440 over the earnings for the same mouth in 1890. During the year 1891 the road earned \$3,074,360, a decrease of \$215,500 in comparison with the earnings of 1890; but during 1890 the road earned \$255,000 in ice traffic, for which there was no corresponding business in 1891, so the general freight business shows an increase of \$40,000 over the corresponding business of 1890.

A. Patriarche of the F. & P. M., D. Riley of the T. A. A. & N. M., F. V. Davis and J. E. Williams of the C. & W. M., and E. C. Leavenworth of the G. R. & I., are engaged this week in checking freight rates.

A. Almiquist, G. R. & I. ticket agent at the Union depot is still very illand is confined to his bed.

Gossip of the Hotels. Every room at Sweet's was taken last

F. N. Foster of the C. & O. road was a guest at Sweet's yesterday.

F. J. Cobbs, a Cadillac lumberman, was at the Morton yesterday.

W. E. Thorp of Hart and T. J. Blan-chard of Sand Lake are at the Claren-

W. F. Blessley of Kalamazoo and S. W. Kromer of Cadillac are at the

C. C. Hall, a Defroit carriage manu-facturer, dined at the Livingston yesterday.

N. R. Howlett, a prominent Grand Haven capitalist, is at the new Liv-W. J. Pegg of Flint and L. V. Davis

of Fremont arrived at the Clarendon yesterday. B. F. Ward of Cadillac and J. H. Larrabee of Lansing dined at the Eagle

yesterday. E. F. Daniels of Philadelphia, agent for Rowell's newspaper annual, is at

Frank J. Cobbs of Cadillac was at the

Morton yesterday on his way back to Olivet college. J. B. Sutcher and S. J. Hall, New York dry goods merchants, were at Sweet's vesterday.

Capt. P. R. Bogan and Jas. Gallagher of Mackinaw Island registered at the Morton yesterday.
N. Jackson of South Bend, B. D.

Lewis and G. B. Gallup of Jackson, furnitore men, are at Sweet's. L. C. Bertram of Ludington and D. F. Watson of Constantine were among the arrivals at the Eagle yesterday.

W. S. Winegar, D. G. Look and J. M. Q. Look, prominent Lowell business men, are guests at the new Livingston. Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, wife of the president of the Mitchell Bros. Lumber company, Cadillac, dined at the Mor-

ton yesterday. Van Dearing of Jackson and E. C. Oviatt of Chicago were among the rail-road men who arrived at the new Lavingston yesterday.

L. M. Sellers, editor of the Codar Springs Clipper, satisfied the wild yearnings of his editorial nature with a din-ner at the Morton yesterday.

Fred Poliman of New York, August Halmer of Camden, J. E. Foster of New York, J. P. Nesther of Chicago, Ike Fish of Chicago, W. M. Campbell of New York and C. J. Wendroth of Chicago were among the furniture men who registered at the Morton yester-

Geo. P. Folger of Boston, W. V. Smslley of Boston, S. A. Weleis of Worchester, J. W. Whellock of New York, J. A. Bell of Allegheny, J. G. Stickney of Bioghampton, F. W. Mooney of Biog-hampton, J. E. Gibbans of Syracuse and ci. E. Coats of Chicago, all furni-

KILLED AT A CHURCH DOOR. A Religious Dispute Between Three Members Ends in a Tragedy.

Mouse Canner, Pa., Jan. 7 .- An argument over a religious amestion between three members of the Slavonion church ended in a cowardly murder on Sunday night, John Saduski, John Stevens and Michael Chumus became engaged in a hot dispute while walking to the church, Saduski maintained one side of the argument and Stephens and Chames the other. They entered the charci in a very hitter mood.

When the services were concluded and the men readled the street they renewed the discoveron. They stopped on the corner until the congregation had pussed on to their houses. The men became very angry and Counter murderer.

and Stevens accused Saduskie of being the cause of the trouble. Saduskie resented the imputation, whereupon Chumas drew a dagger and thrust it into Saduskie's right lung. He then fled, in company with Stephens. Saduskie was found two

Siephens. Saduskie was found two hours later in a dying condition and was at once removed to his home. Before expiring he made a statement charging Chumas with the crime. The police was notified and a search in stituted for the murderer and his companion, but it was learned that they had left the city. They have not been apprehended.

CURRENCY CIRCULATION.

An Increase Shown for December Nearly Twelve Millions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- The treasury department's statements of changes in the circulation during December jus issued show a net increase during De cember of \$11,519,659. Of the various kinds of money in circulation there was a decrease during December of \$500,004 in currency certificates: \$371,013 in standard silver dollars; \$681,507 in subsidiary silver and \$56,042 in silver certifications. tificates. On the other hand, there was an increase of \$5,455,150 in gold certificates; \$4,312,771 in silver treasury notes; \$2,007,778 in gold com: \$400,000 in United States notes and \$275,580 is national bank notes. The total circu iation on January 1 is placed at \$1,588, 1,729, or a per capita circulation of \$24.52, against \$1,528,835,943 on Janua ary 1, 1891; an increase of \$60,000,000 during the calendar year just closed. During the precoding year ending December 31, 1889, the circulation of the country increased \$96,386,041.

The changes in the circulation of

various kinds of money during the last calendar year, together with the

following table: lars Subsidiary silver Gold certificates Silver certificates.
Silver Treas, hotes.
United States notes and currency certificates.
National bank notes

341,002,051 168,427,435 Total \$1,688,781,739 \$1,638,586,548 The general stock of money coined or ssued and in the Treasury on Janury 1 is shown by the following table:

Coined or issued.
old coin 56% 523,241
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\$2,189,645,996 \$500,864,967 Total ... During Becember there was a net in-creese of \$10,542,593 in money and builion in the treasury. There was a de-crease of \$600,260 in subsidiary silver, \$522,534 in trade dollar builion; \$403,-F. J. Cobbs, a Cadillac lumberman, was at the Morton yesterday.

J. T. Gafftly of the Indianapolis Woodworker is a guest at Sweet's.

N. H. Beebe, a prominent Big Rapids grocer, dined at Sweet's yesterday.

F. S. Crofoot of the Detroit Public Leader was at the Clarendon yesterday.

So 22,534 in trade dollar buillion: \$402,042 in United States notes, and \$190,042 in national bank notes, while the store of silver bullion increased \$4,175,166; gold bullion, \$2,782,185; gold coins, \$3,221,372, standard silver dollars, \$1,025,629, and silver treasury notes, \$54,679. Fold certificates held as cash by the treasury January 1, amounted to \$17,472,720, a decrease during Decomiser of \$1,729,450; silver certificates held as cash amounted to \$200,000, a decrease of \$170,000 during the last month. The store of gold bullion in the treasury on January 1 aggregated \$82,212,689, and of silver bullion,

WHERE IS BARNUM'S BODY ?

Report that an Empty Coffin was Buried to Prevent its Being Stolen.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 7 .- A great deal of discussion has been excited by the report that P. T. Barnum's body was not in the casket which 10,000 people followed to the cemetery last April, that it was a dummy of cloth and stones over which the Rev. Robert Collier preached the funeral oration. The story, it is alieged, has been authenticated by the admission of a very near friend of the family. It is recalled that at the time of the funeral no one outside of the family and a few inti mate friends were allowed to view the body. This was said to be in accordance with Mr. Barnum's wishes. Now his associatiates remember how frebody might be stolen as Stewart's was, It was known that be enjoined his family to guard against such a mis-fortuge. It is said now that some one of the attendants in the house at the ime the coffin was closed has made the statement which started the story

as to the dummy corpse in the casket. Hawley, Reynolds & Wilmot, the undertakers, profess great surprise and do not credit the slory that a false casket was substituted for the one in which they placed Mr. Barnum's body. The story is that the body was con-cealed in Mr. Barnum's house "Marina" until a few days after the funeral, when it was buried in the cemetery in a spot known only to Mrs. Barnum and her chosen friends, and that a year or two bence, when all danger from the choule is passed, it will be placed in the family plot beneath the grante slab which is now supposed to mark the

SWALLOWED HIS ROBARY.

A Philadelphia Maniac Nearly Dies While Seeking for Eternal Life.

PRILADELPHIA, Jan. 7 .- Inspired with the idea that his act would give him everlasting life, James Mullen, while demented, forced down his throat the rosary which he wore around his neck. He used a ten-inch stick, which went down also.

The brase cross on the rosery caught in his throat and this probably aved the madman's life. When the police arrived Mullen was black in the face. Vigorous thumping caused the eject-ment of the rossry, which was two feet long and contained fifty beads.

Messenger Boy Singged to Death.

ORAHA, Neb., Jan. 7 .- At an early poor this morning Oscar Oleson, a 15year-old Western Union messenger boy. was found unconclous in an alley near the telegraph office. His skull was fractured and he never recovered con-ciousness, dying at 8 o'clock. To his delignes be kept saving. Ton't strike me I have no money." From this it is supposed he was slonged by a compad. Another theory is he was done up by surprised burglars. The World-Herald has started a fund for a reward for the apprehension of the